

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION**

March 3, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Becky Langston, Susan Andrews, Rob Grant, J. Harry Lange, Andrew Zuerner.  
Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; John Taylor, County Attorney; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Langston called the Regular Session to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Chairman Langston led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020, Regular Session was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.
4. **APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS**
  - A. **Charles Hartley: Second Amendment Sanctuary.** Charles Hartley, citizen, appeared before the Board to request the consideration of the adoption of a Resolution, to be provided at a later date, to reaffirm the State's support of the Second Amendment and the right of people to keep and bear arms and to pledge that the County will not allocate funds that could be used to violate the Constitutional Rights of citizens; that the State Legislature is considering passing red flag laws and banning semi-automatic firearms; that there is a petition on FaceBook regarding being a sanctuary county and the Board should uphold what the citizenry desire; that declaring the County as a sanctuary county will have no effect on federal funds; that 28 counties have adopted such a Resolution, two have rejected, and 22 are pending; and that he hopes to be before the Board at the next meeting to present a Resolution.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Wood PLC: Review of Schedule and Goals for Update of Land Use Ordinances.** Lee Walton and Anna Johnson, of Wood PLC, made a PowerPoint presentation to review the methods involved in the update of various land use ordinances and said that everything regarding the update will be posted on-line for transparency purposes so that the citizens have an opportunity to see what's planned, can take an on-line survey as to what they would like to see included, and to ask questions or make comments; reviewed the Public Improvement Plan detailing focus groups, meetings, communication tools, contacts database, and schedule; and regarding the draft Community Survey, said that the document will be posted on the website for citizens to have an opportunity to express their concerns; and that there is a specific email address for citizens to asked questions or provide comments. In response to questions, Mr. Walton said they would add Mountain Hill as one of the communities listed in a survey question, and that the survey will be designed in a manner so that individuals should only be able to take the survey one time.
6. **COUNTY MANAGER**
  - A. **Surplus Property: Vehicles and Equipment.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, said that with the recent acquisitions of new vehicles, the County has nine (9) surplus vehicles for disposition due to age, mileage, and/or condition, and two (2) pieces of equipment, and that the list has been provided to the Board for approval. The motion to declare the vehicles and equipment as surplus and to sell same on GovDeals or other legal means was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Zuerner, and passed unanimously.
  - B. **Project Updates.** Randy Dowling, County Manager, reviewed various projects, as follows:
    - (1) **Replacement Telephone System for Courthouse, Admin Building, and Community Development.** Bid specs are being prepared and should be going out soon.
    - (2) **LMIG 2020 Road Resurfacing.** Project is underway and should be completed by June 30, 2020.

- (3) Repair of Three County Bridges. Design underway and once completed, the project will be bid out.
  - (4) Replacement Scoreboards for Recreations Facilities. Scoreboards were received on Monday (March 2) and installation is pending due to inclement weather.
  - (5) Soccer Complex Pavilion. Project is almost completed, but can't be finished due to inclement weather.
  - (6) Rails to Trails. Phase I has been completed and being closed out; Phases II and III have been completed and being closed out; and grant application for funding of Phase IV was disapproved.
  - (7) Airport Consultant. Eight responses have been received and whittled down to three companies that will make presentations to the evaluation committee on March 11 with Board consideration on April 7.
  - (8) Water Line Upgrade on SR 315. Material is on site, but project has been delayed due to inclement weather.
  - (9) Land Use & Development Codes Update. The Board heard the presentation from Wood PLC tonight; a website has been created to keep everyone posted on the project status and will be updated frequently; and a survey will be on line by the end of the week.
  - (10) Melody Lakes Dam. Construction plans will be hand-delivered to EPD tomorrow, which is in advance of the March 5 due date; that discussions with two property owners will take place next week regarding the temporary and permanent construction easements needed for the project.
  - (11) Aerial Mapping. Project has been completed and the base mapping will be provided to qPublic and 911.
  - (12) Compensation Study by CVIOG. Project is underway with interviews scheduled to occur soon with various employees, with completion of the project in late June 2020.
  - (13) Surplus Property: 24 Lots. Bid request is out, deadline is March 10, with consideration of results before the Board on March 17.
  - (14) Surplus Property: 3.29 Acre Lot. Bid request is out, deadline is March 23, with consideration of results before the Board on April 7.
  - (15) Single Family Building Permits. Total for February is 17, making a total of 137 for this fiscal year.
  - (16) Airport Fly-In/Open House. Commissioner Grant said that the flyer for the upcoming event looks good. Mr. Dowling said that the flyer is being distributed and is also on the County's website.
7. **COUNTY ATTORNEY**. John Taylor, County Attorney, said he had no business to discuss with the Board this evening.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**. There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Grant, and passed unanimously.

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Becky Langston, Chairman

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Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk